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MAGWOOD RETURNS FOR HEARING... Coffee County Deputy Sheriff Billy Wayne McKinnon is pictured above unlocking the handcuffs of convicted murderer Billy Joe Magwood prior to Wednesday's re-sentencing hearing. Magwood was kept under heavy security during his brief stay in Elba and was returned following the hearing to the state prison in Atmore.

Judge Green takes Magwood appeal under advisement, will announce sentence on Oct. 2

Convicted murderer Billy Joe Magwood returned to Elba on Wednesday morning, Sept. 17, for a re-sentencing hearing, and following approximately 20 minutes of proceedings, Judge Riley Green stated he would take the request for a lesser sentence under advisement and would continue the hearing on Oct. 2, at which time he will announce Magwood's new sentence. Magwood, convicted on June 2, 1982, for the death of Coffee County Sheriff Neil Grantham, was originally sentenced to death in the Alabama electric chair, but has continually appealed the sentence, and on Aug. 12, 1986, was granted a re-sentencing hearing by the United States 11th Court of Appeals in Atlanta.

At Wednesday's hearing, as has been his defense throughout the drawn-out appeals process, Magwood asked for a lesser sentence on grounds that the original verdict of capital murder was contrary to the law and the evidence presented concerning the mental stability of Magwood. Attorney J.L. Chestnut of Selma argued Wednesday that Magwood was not mentally stable at the time of the murder and requested the court grant his client a lesser sentence, such as life in prison.

Coffee County District Attorney Joel Folmar argued that evidence provided at the original trial had proved that Magwood was competent at the time of the murder and asked the judge to once again return a death sentence.

Magwood, now age 35, has been involved in numerous court battles since being found guilty of the March, 1979, shooting of Sheriff Grantham at the Coffee County Jail in Elba. The primary source of all appeals has centered around the sanity of Magwood at the time of the shooting and the severity of the death sentence, and after seven-and-a-half years it is hoped that Judge Green will finally put the case to rest when he announces his ruling on Oct. 2 in Elba.

Sales tax to go into effect Nov. 1

Coffee County merchants will begin collecting an extra penny on the dollar for sales tax on Nov. 1, 1986, when the county's new 1-cent countywide sales tax goes into effect. The ordinance, adopted Aug. 25, by the Coffee County Commission, was mailed to the state capital this week and state officials have announced that the new tax will go into effect Nov. 1.

The additional tax will be divided among the three school systems in the county according to student population and is expected to generate approximately \$2 million annually for the schools.

Initial disbursement of the funds is expected in December and monthly thereafter by the county.

Seat belt usage up in Alabama

The Alabama Dept. of Public Health, Office of Health Promotion and Information, recently conducted surveys to determine the level of child safety seat and seat belt usage in Alabama. The surveys are conducted every six months in the major metropolitan areas of Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile and Montgomery.

Surveys were also completed in medium size cities, small size towns and rural areas to assess the usage rate of a definable portion of Alabama's population.

Statewide usage of seat belts continues to show an increase. Presently usage is 19.4 percent, up from the 10.4 percent recorded in the first seat belt survey of May, 1983.

Auburn was noted as having the highest usage rate of 29.6 percent, while Cullman was observed to have the lowest usage rate of 6.8 percent.

The latest survey reported child safety seat usage to be 27.6 percent. Prior to the mandatory child safety seat legislation in July, 1982, safety seats were utilized by only eight percent of the children in Alabama.

The highest percentage of child safety seat usage is 39.8 percent in Montgomery, while the lowest is 5.6 percent in Anniston.

According to Jim McVay, director of the Office of Health Promotion and Information, "The automobile accident is the leading cause of accidental death in Alabama. Child safety seats can reduce accidental death and injuries among children by 90 percent, while seat belts can cut the death toll and injury rate by half."

The 50 states and the District of Columbia have mandated the use of child safety seats, and these laws have been very effective in encouraging parents to buckle up their young children into safety seats.

Legislation mandating seat belt usage has been passed in 26 states. Such legislation is pending in one state, and several others have introduced bills requiring their use.

Nationwide, approximately 50,000 people lose their lives each year in automobile accidents. In Alabama some 892 persons were killed and 38,010 others were injured in some type of motor vehicle accident in 1985. This figure represents a 5.1 percent decrease in fatalities from the previous year.

Until Alabamians begin to use safety devices on short and long trips, motor vehicle accidents will continue to be a major cause of death and injury in our state.

Human Resource Board to meet

The quarterly board meeting of the Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources will be held Thursday, Sept. 25, at 8:30 a.m. at the Coffee County Dept. of Human Resources located at 321 W. Putnam St. in Elba.

Bill may eliminate judgeship

A bill was introduced in the Alabama House of representatives last week that would eliminate six county judgeships across the state in an attempt to follow Gov. Wallace's request to cut state funding wherever possible.

The bill, introduced by Rep. Morris Brooks of Huntsville, would eliminate three district judgeships and three circuit judgeships, including two positions only recently created by the governor.

The Circuit judgeship, which serves Coffee and Pike Counties, was created by lawmakers in June, 1984, and appointed to the post was Sam Adams, a captain in the U.S. Army in the adjutant general's office at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Adams' appointment caused local criticism in Coffee County, as Adams, the son of a longtime Wallace friend, was given the judgeship over a number of judge candidates endorsed locally. Adams was defeated in his bid for a full term in the June 3 Democratic primary by Coffee County District Judge Gary McAilley, who is currently serving out his district judgeship until the scheduled takeover of the Circuit judge's seat in January, 1987.

Brooks stated his bill to abolish the judgeships was filed to "make a statement" to Gov. Wallace in response to the governor's call for lawmakers to find any cost-cutting measures that could be found in state government.

Brooks contends that six of the governor's 16 judgeships created in 1984 and 1985 were politically motivated, and stated after filing the bill that the additional judgeship serving Coffee and Pike Counties was unjustified.

Brooks reported the cost of creating a single judgeship effective Oct. 1, and excluding local supplements would total \$203,092.55 annually. The figure includes the cost of secretaries, supplies, etc.

A state official reported that the Constitution prohibits the abolishment of any judgeship until the end of a term, which is usually six years; however, the term of Adams was a special appointment and is scheduled to end in January, 1987, making the abolishment possible.

If the bill passes, District Judge Gary McAilley would simply complete his current term and see the results of the recent election nullified due to the abolishment of the position. The term of District judge would not be affected.

Work underway on Hwy. 134

The State of Alabama Highway Dept. advises that work has begun on the widening and resurfacing of a 5.33-mile section of Alabama Highway 134 from Alabama Highway 87 to County Road 55.

Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc. began work September 3, on Project No. 16-007-002-134-601.

Necessary traffic control devices will be utilized to conduct motorists safely through the work zones, and motorists are urged by the highway department to use caution and reduce speed when traveling through the work area.

Any public inquiry concerning this work should be directed to Mr. Ricky Murphree, Supt., Wiregrass Construction Company, Inc., phone 762-2406, Arton, Ala.; Mr. Leonis Stinson, District Engineer, Enterprise, Ala., phone 347-8166; or Mr. F.D. Harrelson, Project Engineer, Elba, Ala., phone 897-2271; nights - 897-6040.



TRUCK OVERTURNS... The weight of the roll of cable being lifted by the truck boom was too much and it tilted the vehicle over on its side last Wednesday morning. No one was hurt in the incident. The operator just stepped off the back of the truck as it started over. The vehicle was being used by Black Industries in their work with General Telephone to upgrade area telephones.

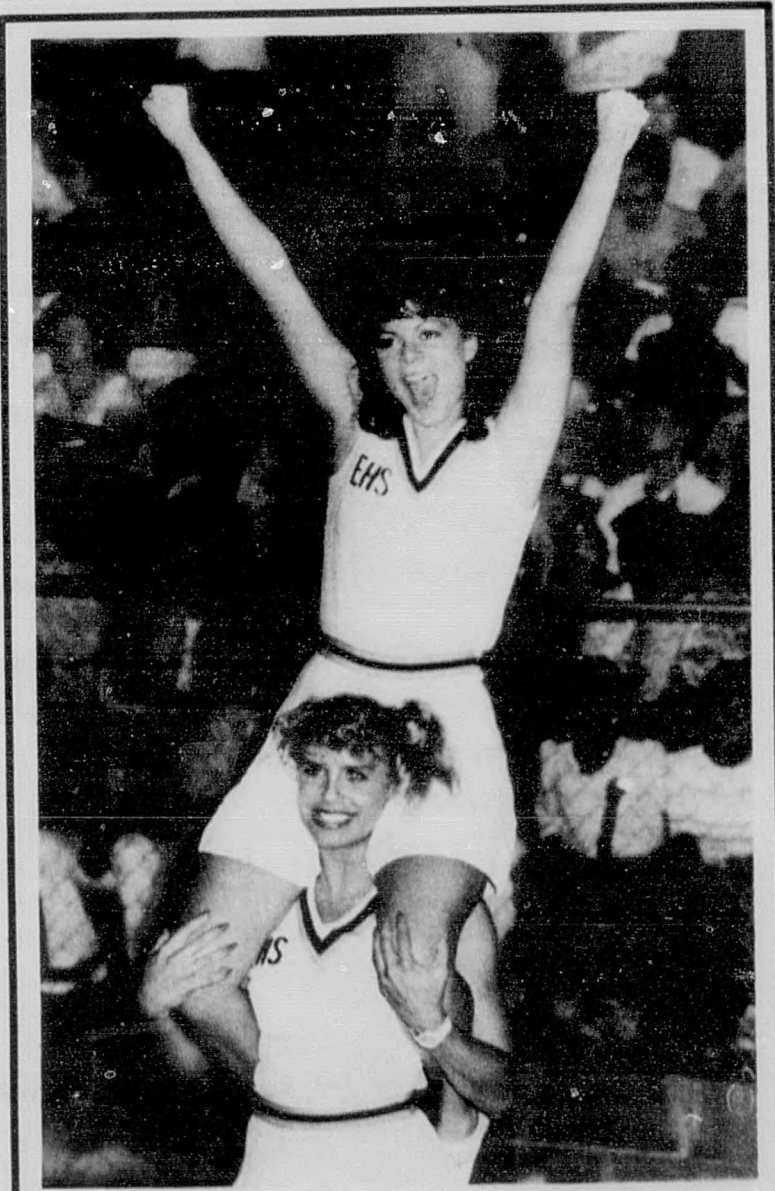
Ft. Rucker offering reward for information

A \$5,000 reward is being offered at Ft. Rucker for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of the person(s) responsible for some intentional damage to Army aircraft.

The damage was to oil pressure lines on nine OH-58A and C helicopters at Hanchey Army Airfield. The first reported instance of damage was in May. The latest occurrences were August 15 and 18.

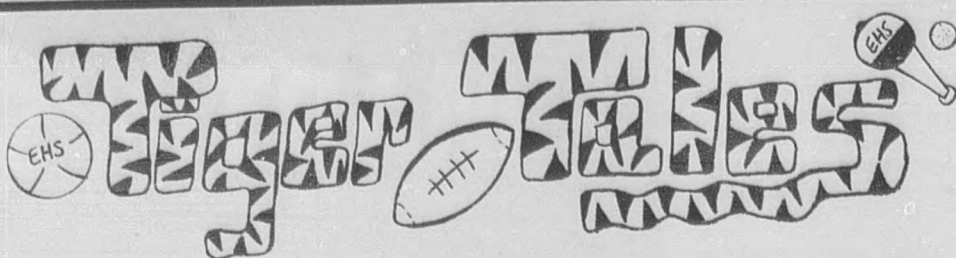
Any information concerning this matter should be provided to the Ft. Rucker Criminal Investigation Division at 255-3108/5412/4435.

The reward offer will end Sept. 8, 1987.



GET THAT TIGER SPIRIT... Elba cheerleader captain Melissa Moore (top) encourages Elba fans to get the spirit at a recent Tiger football game. Cheerleaders are urging all Elba fans to continue supporting the Tigers and help the team bounce back this week with a win over Opp. Heading Melissa is cheerleader Camilla Blasi.

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Crittenden, Blasi & McCall Spotlited

Stephanie Crittenden is the seventeen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.W. Crittenden. She is a member of the Beta Club, Jr. Mu Club, Girl Scout Troop #500, "E" Club, Mu Alpha Theta, and the Elba Church of Christ. Stephanie can be seen cheering on the field for the E.H.S. Tigers on Friday nights and enjoys this so much that she has marked it as her most memorable time in high school. Stephanie's favorite subject is Espanol (Spanish) and her favorite teacher is Mrs. McCollough. Her plans after graduation are to attend a four-year college.

Camilla Blasi is the seventeen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Grimes. She is a member of the Beta Club, "E" Club, a classes editor for the annual staff, and attends the First Baptist Church of Opp. Camilla can also be seen cheering on the field during Friday night games as a variety cheerleader. Her most memorable time during high school has been serving as Elba's First Lady. Being Miss Elba has given her so many opportunities that every little girl dreams of receiving some day. Camilla's favorite subject is Espanol also, and her favorite teacher is Mrs. Cook. She plans to attend a



four-year college after graduation. Herby McCall is the seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Wood. Herby also thought that the best of the 1985 season was the best, and has marked it as his most memorable time in high school. Herby plans to attend a four year college after graduation.

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Junior Music Club Holds First Meeting Of Year

The Junior Music Club held its first meeting of the 1986-87 school year on Monday, September 8, at the home of Kim Kelley, President of the club. The rules and regulations were explained to the new members first, and then we decided the dues for this year would be \$5.00, to be paid by Friday, September 12.

For the past year the Jr. Music Club has been sponsoring the homecoming dance and has done real well but this year we decided to let the Athletic Club sponsor the dance.

We also decided to have our picture put in the yearbook and would pay for it out of our dues money.

The meeting was then adjourned and refreshments were served.

The new officers and members were also elected at the meeting and they are as follows:

President, Kim Kelley
Vice President, Susan Farmer
Secretary, Lori Clark
Reporter, Tawana Nelson
Treasurer, Stephanie Crittenden
Project Committee Chairman, Danon Lowery

Project Committee: Amy Ross, Danett Boggan, Michelle Free, and Jennifer Smith

Members: Shannon Elliott, Daphne Donaldson, Julie Sullivan, Pam Windham, Janna Westbrook, Melissa Moore, Tab Bryan, Gina Young, Beth Henderson, Alisa Parrish, Amelia Bedsole, Mandy Ham, Krysti Owens, Denise Smith, Jeannie Clark, Wendy Moulton, and Melanie Moore.

What Makes People Happy? Do you find happiness in being alone with that special someone? Or do you find happiness in spending an evening with all your friends? Do you think having a new car or more money makes you happy? Perhaps having all your problems instantly solved would bring you happiness.

Our lives are filled with dreams and goals, when our dreams come true and we reach our goals, we experience a sense of happiness and achievement. We have learned, however, the things which made us happy one year ago, one week ago, or one day ago do not necessarily make us happy today.

Webster defines being happy as a feeling of great pleasure or contentment. There is one thing that can bring contentment to Christians all the time—believing their sins are forgiven.

Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him. (Rom 8:1)

If you have asked Jesus to forgive you of your sins, you have a lasting source of happiness no matter what circumstances of life you find yourself in. For God is with you, he helps you day by day, and someday you will meet God face to face without any fear.

Homecoming Dance Planned At EHS

Celebrate "Homecoming '86" in style Friday, October 3, when Dr. Sam Faulk brings his "Music Doctor's Disco Company" to Elba High School to entertain with the best of Top 40 stereo music at the Elba High School gym.

The homecoming dance will start immediately after the Elba-Croft football game and will last as long as anyone wishes to dance. Admission will be \$2 stag and \$3 drag in advance, while all tickets will be \$3 at the door.

Advance tickets will be on-sale beginning this week for all variety of junior cheerleaders and members of the Marching Tiger band.

Buy your ticket in advance and make your plans now to attend this year's homecoming dance at the gym, where it's supposed to be.

Voting Is Important

People don't realize often enough just how important it is not what an honour it is to be able to vote. In today's society it's about the only thing that is free. People should take advantage of this opportunity and put it to good use.

You are always hearing people say, "Oh I don't care who gets in office, my vote doesn't count anyway." But that's where you are wrong. Your vote DOES count. And then after the election you're going to hear those same people grumble about who got elected whenever they didn't vote. Why don't they just learn to keep their mouths shut if their going to be too lazy to get up and go to the polls to vote.

It has been estimated that the 18-23 year olds are the ones who do the least amount of voting. The young society should want to get more involved with politics. We as students should feel proud that we're living in a free country. A country that we are free to do almost anything, as long as our parents don't know about it. And we should feel especially proud that one of those freedoms is the right to vote. So why don't you people who haven't registered to vote go and sign up today. And remember, your vote does make a difference!

You can register to vote in the Courthouse Annex Bldg., behind Whitman Drug Company.



Cooperative Program Feature

The Cooperative Education Program at Elba High School features Elijah Gilbert and Taylor Auto Parts and Supply. Elijah, a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Gilbert. Elijah has been working at Taylor Parts and Supply since July 17, 1986. He enjoys his

work and feels the training on the job will be beneficial to him.

A special thanks goes to Mr. Doug Dunn, manager of Taylor Parts, for his support of the students and the Cooperative Education Program.

POEM
BY: MELANIE BARNES
Yesterday is already a dream,
And tomorrow is only a vision.
But today we live
Making every yesterday a dream of hope.



FOOTBALL FEATURE

Richard McKinnon is the seventeen year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKinnon. He is a senior runningback for the '86 Tiger team. Numerous colleges kept their eye on Richard during last year's season and were very impressed by his performances. Even though it's at the first of the season, Richard is doing very well, but we're hoping that #33 will continue his running tradition and start making a few more touchdowns.

Richard is a member of the "E" Club and the Elba United Methodist Church. Good luck cheering, Melissa!

Troy Hudson is the seventeen year old son of Harold and Mary Jo Hudson. He is a senior center for the Elba Tigers. Troy has continued to show us during the past seasons what an exceptional player he is. Troy is a member of the "E" Club, FFA, and the First Assembly of God Church in Good Luck #50 and keep up the good work.

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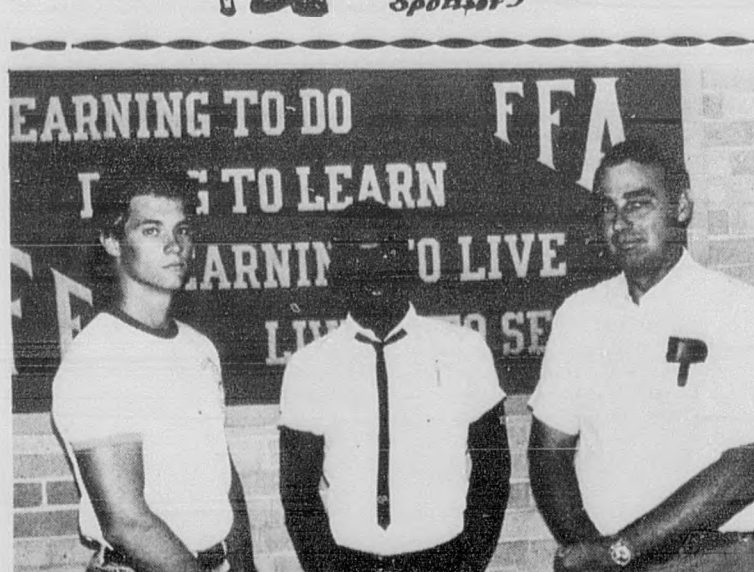


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FFA Officers Attend Workshop

Four of Zion Chapel's Future Farmers of America officers attended an officer workshop held at Enterprise State Junior College this past summer.

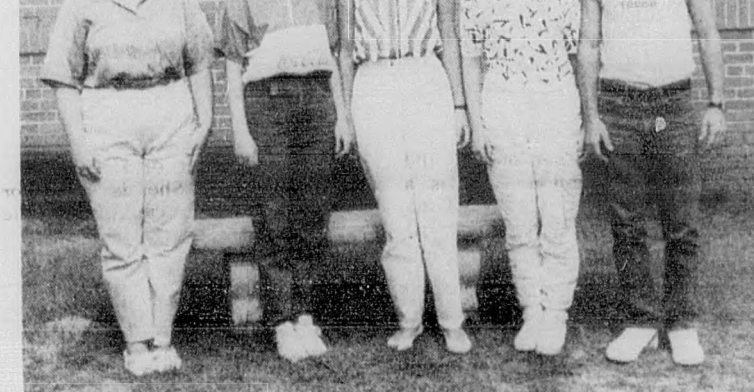
The purpose of this workshop was to educate the officers of their duties and responsibilities of the coming year.

The first day of the workshop, each officer went to a meeting with officers from other schools who held the same office. During these meetings the officers worked together on a skit.

The second day everyone grouped together to watch the skits, play games, and also watch a program on Parliamentary Procedure.

The workshop was concluded with an interesting speech by former Crimson Tide quarterback, Steadman Shealy and a concert by the Charles Henderson High School string band.

Members attending the meeting were Bryan Amlog, Roland Bell, Brian McLeod and Stacey Faison.



Band Officers Selected, New Tradition

BY: LAVONIA JOHNSON
The Zion Chapel Rebel Marching Band has elected band officers for 1986-87. The officers are Brenda Mobley, Captain; Gail Richards, Lieutenant; Lisa Holcomb, Secretary; Tammy Gibson, Treasurer; and Jeff Hussey, Transportation Sergeant.

The band officers represent Zion Chapel School and band at various contests. The officers receive any awards that might be won.

To start a band officer tradition Mr. David Seaton, band director, purchased Captain and Lieutenant bars, that will be passed down in the years to come to the next year's Captain and Lieutenant.

The Captain and Lieutenant wear the bars on the collar of their band uniform at band contests and football games.

"Tomorrow Becomes Yesterday . . ."

BY: PETE BRYAN
On Friday, September 5, the senior class held an election to decide what the class song, colors, flower and motto would be.

Each student made a list of their choices for each category. The two highest vote getters in each category was then put on a ballot. When the results were in, the seniors had chosen Through The Years as its class song, crimson and silver for the class colors, and a red rose was chosen as the class flower. The motto for the graduating class of 1987 is "Tomorrow becomes yesterday soon enough. Live each day as if it were your last - there are no second chances."



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Z.C. Briefs

CHEERLEADER FUND RAISER

BY: CHERYL FAISON

To raise money for general expenses the Varsity Cheerleaders are selling hair care products and cosmetic utensils supplied by Cardinal Associates.

The hair care kit includes a plastic tail comb, beauty comb, tangle comb, hair styler and a large size vent brush. Included with the cosmetic kit is a powder brush, two lip liners, eyeshadow brush, contour brush, eyebrow brush, shadow applicator, shading brush and a small mirror.

Both the hair care kit and cosmetic kit are packaged in a soft fold-over carrying case with a velcro closure and compartments for each piece of the sets. These come in a variety of colors which include black, red, purple, blue, and tan.

Cheerleader sponsor Marsha Oggs said that she thought these products would make nice Christmas or graduation gifts. And that they are inexpensive at \$6.00 each.

ZC BAND HOLDS FUND RAISER

BY: LISA DYESS

The Zion Chapel Rebel Marching Band has decided to hold more fund raisers to make money for the upcoming year's uniforms. The marching band members, along with the help of the band boosters, will be selling "Indian brass." There is an eight piece selection and the prices will range from four dollars to twelve dollars. The next item they will sell will be "decorative bells." They are 2 1/2 to 3 inches tall and will cost \$3.50 each.

A third item is Zion Chapel Rebel cushions. They will sell for five dollars each. The band boosters will raffie off a Yamaha moped. The band students will be selling chances on it. The moped came from Ward's Yamaha of Troy. On October 31 there will be a "sock-hop/costume party." The dance will be in the ZC gym after the New Brocton football game. All fund raisers this year will be for the new uniforms.

During the interview with the secretary of band boosters, Mrs. Shirley Goodson said, "I appreciate the support that the superintendent, principal, teachers, and support personnel has given the band program. I would like for the community, band boosters and parents to support the students and their efforts."

SENIORS OF 1977 WHERE ARE YOU?

BY: BRENDA MOBLEY

The Class of 1977 is being honored at Homecoming. A tea, hosted by Mrs. Rachel Bryan, Mrs. Gale Jackson, and the Class of 1987, will be given in the science building in honor of the Class of 1977.

Other activities will include the crowning of the 1987 Homecoming Queen and Little Mr. and Miss Zion Chapel at 7:00 p.m. Kick-off for the Homecoming game - Zion Chapel vs. Coffee Springs - will be at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Jackson was unable to contact Cynthia Boyd and Donna Gay Petty. If anyone has been in touch or knows where to locate either of them, please do so or contact Mrs. Gale Jackson at Zion Chapel High School.

IS SILENCE REALLY GOLDEN AT ZC?

BY: SHELLA RUGG

On Friday, September 5, the teachers at Zion Chapel thought silence was truly a "pot of gold."

The varsity cheerleaders sponsored a "Silence is Golden" day to get the students involved and to promote spirit on the first homecoming game. At the beginning of the day, each boy was given a paper football made by the cheerleaders. Throughout the day, the boys had to wear the footballs, but anyone who talked to a girl had to give her his football.

At the pep rally that afternoon a surprise was given to the girl that had the most footballs, and to the boys that were able to keep a football all day.

TSU STUDENT AT ZC

BY: BRENDA MOBLEY

Mrs. Anita S. Grant has been involved in a Troy State University School of Education pre-teaching clinical experience at Zion Chapel. The program is designed to enhance her baseline observations and laboratory experiences. She was expected to engage in twenty five hours of experiences. Her professional preparation program is in Business Education and Mr. Dennis Dean, biology instructor.

JUNIORS SELECT CLASS RINGS

BY: TAMMY A. DUNCAN

Balfour representative Rusty Parker visited Zion Chapel's Class of 1988 on Thursday, August 28 to show them the many new and exciting features of class rings for their senior year. On Thursday, September 4, Balfour took the orders of all juniors who wanted to purchase a class ring. Out of the class of 30, 23 students purchased rings. The juniors are expecting their class rings back by December 15.

Balfour has been an official maker of Zion Chapel class rings for over 25 years.

Student Body Names Homecoming Queen

BY: CONNIE FLOWERS

On September 4, the Zion Chapel High School students voted for the 1986 Homecoming Queen and court. After voting the students were told that they wouldn't know the results until Friday, September 5, at the pep rally.

After waiting twenty-four hours to hear the names of the winners, the Zion Chapel students were very pleased with the outcome.

The ninth grade attendant, the daughter of Ronnie and Paula Cotton, is 14-year-old Marla Shann Cotton. Shann is very excited about being chosen Freshman attendant. She will be escorted by Phillip "Wilkey" Cade Shiver.

The tenth grade attendant, the daughter of Glenn and Nellie Holcomb, is 15-year-old Lisa Rena Holcomb. Lisa feels that it is an honor to represent the Sophomore class, and also Zion Chapel. Lisa will be escorted by David Jackson.

The junior attendant, Jacquelyn Parrish, is the 15-year-old daughter of Jimmy and Rachel Parrish. Jacquelyn said she was absolutely thrilled, and that she felt very honored, not to mention surprised. Astrid will be escorted by Randy Flowers.

She will be crowned by last year's queen, Miss Beth Ann Murphy at the Homecoming game September 26. The Queen and her court will be presented before the football game at 7:00 p.m.

Support Your Local Team, Go Rebels!



High School Classes Elect 86-87 Officers

BY: ASTRID BLASCHKA
Class officers were chosen by their class members on Monday, September 2. The officers will be in charge of any class meeting called during the school year.

The seventh grade is sponsored by Mr. David Seaton and Mr. Harold Stewart. The officers are Lashonda Rodgers, president; Shae Oglesby, vice-president; Veronica Wheeler, secretary; Tabitha Pritchett, treasurer; and Marie Boutwell, reporter.

The eighth grade is sponsored by Mrs. Rhonda Brunson and Mrs. Carolyn Daughtry. The officers are Cheryl Faison, president; David Jackson, vice-president; Sandy Flowers, secretary; Jamie Hurd, treasurer; and Amy Senn, reporter.

The ninth grade is sponsored by Mrs. Mary Herbert and Mrs. Melinda Hodge. The officers are Wayne Davis, president; Jackie Parrish, vice-president; Sean Collins, secretary; LeAnne Simmons, treasurer; and Pete Bryan, reporter.

The junior class must raise money for the prom. In the late fall they choose a theme and plan decorations. A few weeks before the prom they will begin building or assembling the decorations, and make all final plans. The officers are to keep up with the records and minutes of all meetings.

At the prom the president will make a speech that welcomes the seniors. The officers are expected to participate in the leadout.

Mrs. Gale Jackson and Mrs. Rachel Bryan are the senior class sponsors. The officer are Brian McLeod, president; Brenda Mobley, vice-president; Sharon Pope, secretary; Cheryl Faison, treasurer; and Dedra Gatlin, reporter.

The senior class is in charge of the Homecoming activities. They are the hosts and hostesses of the class that is to be honored. They sponsor the dance after the game, which is their major fund raiser.

The president will have to give a speech at the prom and graduation. The vice-president and secretary will say a prayer at Baccalaureate. They will also be expected to participate in the leadout at the prom.

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By Ricky Mularz, Editor

I had looked forward to last Saturday all week long because WTBS was telecasting three college football games and I was going to watch all three. Well, I saw one quarter of the first game before going shopping, slept through the second game and then watched a quarter-and-a-half of the third game before my wife turned channels to watch the Miss America pageant. What's that say about the best laid plans?

ELBA TIGERS... THIS ONE'S FOR YOU

Okay guys, the pressure is off, now just go out there and have a good time! Prior to the season all you heard was talk about going undefeated, being No. 1 and winning the state championship. Well, after two disappointing losses the perfect record is obviously gone, the lofty ranking will not come again this season and thoughts of state titles have dimmed to simple thoughts of winning. The time has come for you to put it all together and give it your best shot. As long as you give it your best that's all you can do!

Don't think for a minute that I, or any loyal Elba fan, is giving up on you. We'll all support you - win, lose or draw - and all have the confidence that a state title is still in your reach. Don't pay any attention to those who criticize - just play hard and give it your best. That's all any of us can do!

Elba Tigers Hope To Snap Losing Streak Friday Against Opp

The Elba Tigers will be hoping to snap a two-game losing streak Friday night when they host the Opp Bobcats at Miller Memorial Stadium in front of what is expected to be a capacity crowd.

Elba comes into the clash with a 1-2 record, having defeated Ozark 14-0 before dropping consecutive games to Geneva 17-6 and Luverne 14-0, while Opp will bring a 2-1 record into the game with wins over Bob Jones 20-15, and Troy 14-13, and a lone loss to Pike County 14-9.

"Opp has got a very good football team that is playing well," said Elba's Coach Mack Wood, "while I don't know what kind of team we've got but I do know that we certainly aren't playing very well! Opp lost its first game to Pike County last week on mistakes, and missed the ball extremely well throughout the game."

"The Opp offense has the ability to score from anywhere on the field at any time, and has perhaps the best passing attack we'll face all season; while the Opp defense doesn't give up many points and is very aggressive."

"Opp has a fine team and I can guarantee you they're looking forward to coming over here Friday night."

"If we're to have any chance of winning we'll have to eliminate our mistakes and have a tremendous effort from every player on every play," added Wood. "On offense we'll have to get back where we can move the ball on the ground and not turn the ball over, while also showing folks that we can pass."

"Over on defense, we'll have to have good effort on every play, be alert and not give up any big plays. Opp can score in a hurry if you let them, so we'll have to be ready at all times."

"Despite the way we looked last week," Wood said, "We have been showing improvement in practice and if we can keep on getting a little better every week, maybe before long we'll be alright!"

The Opp offense, which has

TWO WEEKS OF HISTORY-MAKING IS ENOUGH FOR ME

The Geneva Panthers made history two weeks ago when they defeated Elba for only the second time in nine years, and last week Luverne etched a spot in the history books by defeating Elba for only the third time in 18 years. I never did like history!

Elba's 14-0 loss to Luverne Friday night had to be one of the most disappointing losses in Tiger football history. The Tigers went in the game with a talented squad, and to me clearly had the better team, only to play a lackluster game and come out on the short end of a 14-0 score.

The Elba offense committed six turnovers and seemed out of sync throughout the game. The offense did put together one drive that reached the Luverne 2-yard line; however, that's as close as it got, as four plays netted minus-two yards! If there was a bright spot, it was the effectiveness of the numerous screen passes thrown. The passes resulted in gains and could become an important weapon.

The defense gave up 200 yards rushing for the second straight week and really showed an inability to stop the option game of Luverne. The Tigers got killed on the corners all night and never seemed ready when Luverne (as did Geneva) ran wide. The defense got pushed around, but it never quit and only its pride and determination kept the game from being a blowout! Luverne got down to the Elba 15-, 6-, 3-, and 11-yard lines on different occasions and failed to score, so if the defense had quit it could have been bad!

To sum it up... it was just a bad game!!!!

NEW BROCKTON REMAINS ONLY WINNER AMONG COUNTY TEAMS

New Brockton continued its winning ways last week with an impressive win over W.S. Neal, while Zion Chapel and Kinston both showed improvement despite remaining winless. Here's a look at all three in week No. 3 action:

season!"

When asked about the 14-0 loss to Luverne, Coach Wood stated, "We are not a fundamentally sound football team and it showed Friday night in Luverne! The offense didn't adjust its blocking scheme to account for the defense Luverne was using, and when we got the ball first-and-goal at the 2-yard line and failed to score - it might have been the turning point in the game."

"The team has got to develop a winning attitude, get ready mentally to play football and establish something on at least one side of the ball. The offense couldn't establish anything against Luverne because of the turnovers and the failure to

block, while the defense played well at times and at other times got pushed all over the field."

"Obviously we weren't very consistent on defense," declared Wood. "We would stop Luverne on one series and on the very next series get blown away by the same plays."

"We want to be able to at least take some part of our opponent's attack away, but last week we didn't get the job done."

"There's a lot of difference between getting beat on the scoreboard and losing, and the last two weeks we lost. The team needs to get a new attitude and come back strong or the wins could be few and far between."

Elba Junior Tigers Rip Samson 26-6



ELBA JUNIOR HIGH RUNNER TIM CALDWELL (33) rambles for big yardage in the Tigers 26-6 season opening win over Samson.

The Elba Jr. High Tigers pulled out to a 20-0 halftime lead and coasted to a 26-6 victory over the Samson Junior Tigers last Thursday night in Elba.

The season opening win gave Elba a 1-0 record, while Samson slipped to 0-2 with the loss. Elba's Wade Hart recovered a Samson fumble on the third play of the game to give the Tigers good field position at the Samson 36-yard line, and from there it took Elba only 4 plays to score.

Reggie Horstead got the call on every play and responded with runs of 14, 13, 6 and 5 yards, with the final run being a Tiger touchdown!

A two-point attempt failed, but with 4:47 left in the opening stanza, Elba was on top to stay at 6-0.

Elba lost a fumble on its second possession on its 40-yard line, but got the ball back on the 46th play later after the defense refused to allow any Samson movement.

A penalty and a quarterback sack left Elba facing a third-and-36 at the 20-yard line; however, Reggie Horstead took care of the yardage and then some, as he took a pitchout and raced 80 yards for a touchdown!

The two-point attempt again failed, leaving Elba with a 12-0 lead with 5:49 left in the half.

Elba's Audie Fudge recovered a Samson fumble at the Samson 42 on the next series and the Tigers quickly added to their lead behind the running of Horstead, who gained 47 yards on 4 carries and notched the score on a 2-yard blast!

Kevin Matthews scored the 2-point conversion and with 2:34 left in the half Elba had opened up a commanding 20-0 lead.

Elba received the second half kick and marched 63 yards in 4 plays to add to its lead. Keith Henderson got the call on every play, responded with runs of 45, 12, 5 and 1 yards to take the ball to the end zone!

The conversion failed, but with 6:09 left in the third quarter Elba's lead was up to 26-0 and the Tiger reserves were ready to take the field.

Samson picked up its initial first down of the game on the ensuing possession and later scored late in the game as Kevin Williams scored from a yard out to climax a 59-yard drive.

The Elba reserves threatened in the closing minute, but time ran out as the Tigers posted the 26-6 win.

Reggie Horstead gained 155 yards on 8 carries to lead Elba, while Keith Henderson added 77 yards on 6 carries. Leading tacklers included Anthony Brooks (9), Audie Fudge (6), Tim Caldwell (8) and Wade Hart (6).

***New Brockton totally dominated the trenches in posting a 21-0 win over W.S. Neal. The Gamecocks' dominance was so complete that in the fourth quarter they had the ball all 12 minutes on one drive. That's power football!

***Kinston lost to Houston Academy 21-7, but the Bulldogs looked much improved and battled the Raiders on even terms before tiring out. Keep the faith fans, your Bulldogs are growing teeth!

***Zion Chapel fell to Highland Home 22-14, but the Rebels won everywhere except the scoreboard and showed signs of becoming a good team. The Rebels will ambush somebody pretty soon and then go to war!

ELBA JUNIOR TIGERS OPEN WITH BIG WIN

The Elba Junior High Tigers showed promise of bright days ahead last week as they pounded Samson 26-6. Reggie ("Yep, He's Another One") Horstead gained 155 yards in 8 carries to spark the offense, while the defense hit hard throughout the game and really looked good. One game doesn't make a season, but it sure was a great way to start.

A LOOK AROUND THE STATE IN ALL SIX CLASSES

Week No. 3 was another exciting week of prep football across the state and here's a quick look at highlights in all six classes:

CLASS 1A - Repton kicked a field goal with :04 left to nip Coffeyville 17-14 in a battle of undefeated teams. Other games of note included Billingsley's 43-8 romp over No. 1 Autauga County, and Coffee Springs' 21-20 win over Florala.

CLASS 2A - Cottonwood's 20-19 squeaker over 4A Abbeville grabbed the headlines, while other highlights included Flomaton's 9-6 win over Blacksher, Samson's 12-0 win over Long, and Reelfoot's 14-0 win over Elmore County.

CLASS 3A - Daleville's 20-0 romp past Dale County kept the unbeaten Hawhaws in the news, with other top games being Evergreen's 22-18 loss to Paramount, Gordo's 31-12 loss to Hillcrest and No. 1 Oneonta's 34-6 win over Sardis.

CLASS 4A - T.R. Miller's easy 27-9 win over Monroe County made the headlines, while others included Geneva's 28-0 win over St. Paul and Pike County's 14-9 win over Opp.

CLASS 5A - Undefeated Andalusia was in the news with its 17-0 win over Attmore, while other headlines included Eufaula's 22-21 loss to Hardaway, Greenville's 7-0 loss to Jackson, and Troy's 7-0 loss to Ozark.

CLASS 6A - Carver's stunning 23-0 win over Lanier made the headlines, as did Jeff Davis' 14-7 win over LeFlore, Lee's 36-10 romp past Dothan, and Northview's 12-0 loss to Kendrick.

YE OLE POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR BEGINS TO WARM UP

I finally began to figure out the sport last week and hit on 19 of 25 picks, including Pike County's upset win over Opp. I hope the reception on the crystal ball stays here, because here I go again...

ELBA VS. OPP

Elba's explosive offense has fizzled out in recent weeks and faces a stiff challenge this week in Opp. The Bobcats aren't a powerhouse, but they might have too much power for the Tigers!

Opp 17 - Elba 7

NEW BROCKTON VS. FLORALA

The Gamecocks are flying high following an early season loss and have their sights set on the playoffs, while Florala may be enroute to a winless season. This one won't even be close!

New Brockton 41 - Florala 0

ZION CHAPEL VS. STRAUGHN

The Rebels showed signs of life last week and appear to be closing in on win No. 1; however, Straughn is no longer a pushover and the home field advantage could make the difference.

Straughn 12 - Zion Chapel 7

KINSTON VS. SAMSON

The Bulldogs defeated Samson last year for the first time ever, but the Tigers have a new coach and a new enthusiasm and should post the win.

Samson 20 - Kinston 0

Coffee Springs 14 - Arifton 13

Brantley 16 - Goshen 0

Dozier 26 - Highland Home 12

Coffeyville 28 - Blacksher 7

Repton 41 - Excel 0

Wicksburg 18 - Long 0

Montgomery Ac 16 - South Macon 0

Cottonwood 14 - Geneva County 7

Luverne 21 - Georgiana 12

Houston County 20 - Louisville 18

Red Level 20 - McKenzie 14

Ashford 14 - Rehobeth 8

Daleville 47 - Clayton 0

Monroe Co. 28 - Evergreen 0

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Headland 12 - Dale County 7

Lanett 21 - Lafayette 0

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New Brockton Blanks W.S. Neal Eagles 21-0



NEW BROCKTON quarterback Curt Smith (12) finds his path blocked by an Eagle defender as he heads outside.



ZION CHAPEL RECEIVER Roland Bell (10) reaches back to make a spectacular catch in last week's 22-14 loss to Highland Home.

BY: JENNIFER CAMPBELL

The New Brockton Gamecocks came home in winning fashion last Friday night as they blanked the W.S. Neal Blue Eagles 21-0. The win upped New Brockton's record to 2-1 on the season.

New Brockton's Tom Gibson returned the opening kickoff to the Gamecock 31-yardline. The opening drive gave the hometown folks something to cheer about and set the pace for the entire game. Varrick Haynes took the first handoff and blasted through the defense for a 10-yard gain and a NB first down to the Gamecock 41-yardline. The ensuing play saw Myron Williams break away for a big 40-yard romp all the way to the W.S. Neal

11-yardline! Varrick Haynes added another 7-yards with Myron Williams carrying the final 6-yards to pay dirt! The Toby Lee p.a.t. was good and only 1:35 into the first stanza New Brockton had pulled in front 7-0.

Unable to capitalize on the turnover, New Brockton gave the ball up on downs and the Blue Eagles had new life. Their hope was short-lived however, as a 10-yard loss on a fumble was more than the offense could overcome and W.S. Neal was forced to punt from deep within their own territory.

Taking charge on their own 34-yardline, the Gamecocks ground out three first downs and faced fourth-and-seven on W.S. Neal's 20-yardline as the first quarter ended.

When Curt Smith's fourth down pass fell incomplete, the Blue Eagles took over on downs.

David Weston sparked the offense as he carried twice for a total of 11-yards and a first down at their own 40-yardline.

The Gamecock defense dug their heels in as Shawn Kelley dropped Blue Eagle James Monroe for a 5-yard loss and Jimmy Casel broke up a second-and-fifteen pass attempt and another Weston pass fell incomplete. Facing fourth-and-fifteen the Blue Eagles once again punted the ball away. The 33-yard punt was returned to the NB 41-yardline by Tom Gibson. A facemask penalty against W.S. Neal pushed the ball all the way to the Blue Eagles' 44-yardline as the Gamecocks once again smelled pay dirt!

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Zion Chapel refused to let the Squadron rest, however, and late in the stanza the Rebels put together a 60-yard drive to regain the lead at 14-13! Thomas Boswell was the workhorse of the drive as he gained 55 yards on 9 carries and scored the



TOUCHDOWN! New Brockton's Myron Williams (26) leaps over a W.S. Neal defender and heads for the endzone in the Gamecock's 21-0 win last week.

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Kinston Bulldogs Fall To Houston Academy 21-7

By: GREG BRUNSON

The Houston Academy Raiders used a ball control offense to pile up 348 rushing yards and 23 first downs this past Friday night in posting a hard-fought 21-7 victory over the Kinston Bulldogs.

An exchange of punts on the teams' first possessions gave the Raiders the ball at their own 21-yard line. Houston Academy used 14 plays to drive to the Bulldogs 6-yard line only to miss a 23-yard field-goal attempt.

Kinston took over and moved to three first downs, only to have this drive stall at the Raiders' 40-yard line. Houston Academy came back with three first downs of their own.

but they too ran out of downs at the Kinston 20-yard line.

Just before the half, Chad Keith intercepted a Henry Ivey pass and returned it 49 yards, giving Kinston excellent field position at the 19-yard line.

The Bulldogs moved to the five-yard line and attempted a 22-yard field goal with only .04 seconds remaining in the half. Darrell Berry's kick had plenty of distance but sailed wide to the right ending a scoreless first half.

As the second half opened, the two teams exchanged turnovers. Michael Bragg recovered a fumble for Kinston and Chris Hale intercepted a Chad Keith pass on the

very next play. This exchange gave Houston Academy the ball on their own 41-yard line.

It took only 9 plays to carry the distance, with Joseph Rice carrying the last 16 yards on an inside trap play. Chris McRae added the extra point to give the Raiders a 7-0 lead with 4:43 left in the third quarter.

After another Kinston punt, Houston Academy took over at their own 34-yard line. Behind the running of Rice and Richard Adams, the Raiders quickly moved downfield with Henry Ivey scoring on a quarterback sneak from the one-yard line.

The score capped a 9-play drive and came with 11:56 to play in the game. McRae's kick was again true stretching the lead to 14-0.

The Bulldog defense held on the Raiders' next possession, forcing a 33-yard field-goal attempt. Travis Carnley broke through to block the kick, giving Kinston the ball at their own 29-yard line.

Five plays later, Dodd Hawthorne dropped to pass, spotted some open field and raced 55 yards for a Bulldog touchdown. Darrell Berry added the point after, cutting

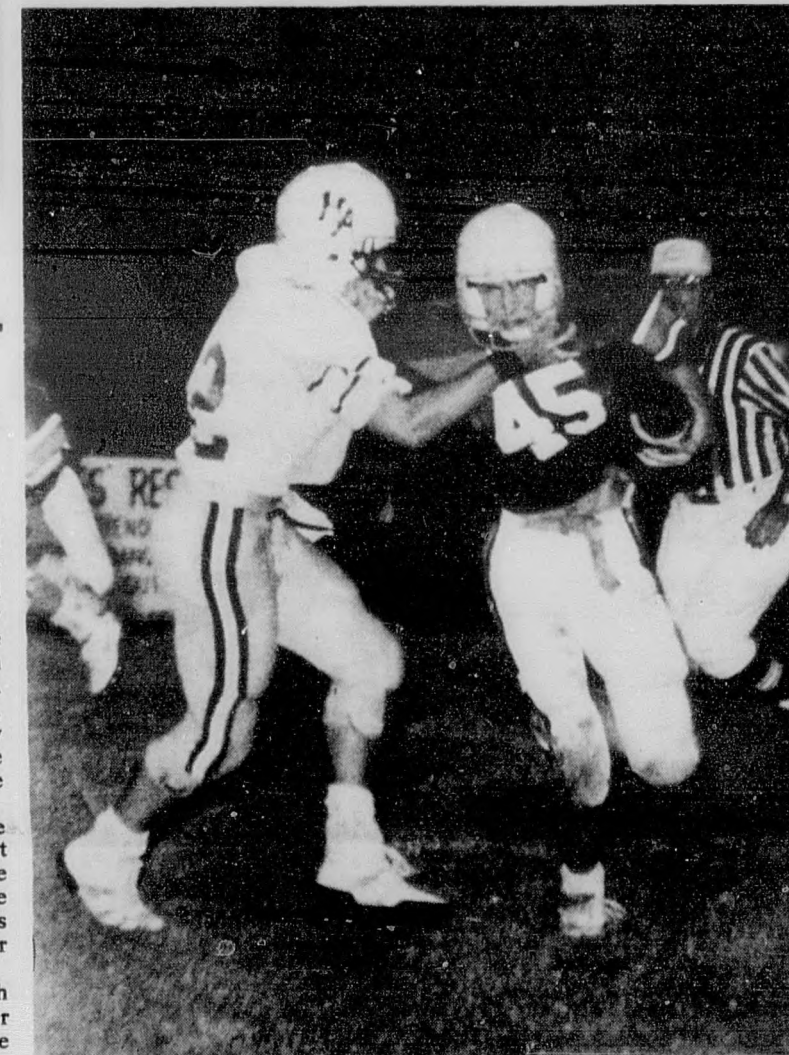
the lead to 14-7 with 3:45 still to go in the game.

Houston Academy recovered the kickoff and began eating up the clock with a 9-play drive. Henry Ivey passed to Scott Wiley with only 0:18 seconds remaining for a 16-yard touchdown. McRae again converted the p.a.t. to end the scoring with the Raiders leading 21-7.

Kin.	1st Downs	H.A.
10	139	23
139	Rushing Yds.	348
10	Passing Yds.	26
149	Total Yds.	374
10/1/1	Passes/Comp./Int.	8/2/1
78	Return Yds.	17
0	Fumbles Lost	1
35	Penalty Yds.	63
3/27.7	Punts/Ave.	1/29.0

The Houston Academy ground attack was led by the workhorse running of Richard Adams and Joseph Rice. Adams carried the ball 28 times picking up 172 yards, while Rice added 134 yards on 25 attempts.

Dodd Hawthorne led the Bulldogs' offense with 92 yards on 13 carries. Mike Glass also ran well gaining 20 yards on 5 tries.



KINSTON TIGHT-END Travis Carnley (45) tries to avoid a Houston Academy tackler after pulling in a pass in last week's 21-7 loss.

Brantley Turnovers Prove Fatal In 15-6 Loss To Dozier Tigers

By: BILLY WAYNE WILLIAMSON

The Brantley Bulldogs handed the ball over to the Dozier Tigers a total of eight times last Friday night on a soggy field in Brantley, and the turnovers proved fatal as the unbeaten Tigers posted a 15-6 win over the Bulldogs in a key 1A battle.

The loss dropped Brantley's record to 1-2, while the win upped Dozier's record to 3-0.

Dozier failed to move on the initial offensive series of the game,

but got the ball back on a pass interception and scored an apparent touchdown on a 20-yard scamper by Gary Wilkins, only to have a clipping penalty wipe out the score.

Tigers got the ball back on another interception late in the first quarter and recovered a fumble early in the second quarter to set up possible scores; however, the Brantley defense rose to the challenge each time and kept the talented Dozier offense out of the end zone!

Brantley's water-logged offense suffered yet another fumble midway through the second stanza, and while the Bulldog defense again proved up to the challenge, this time the Tigers did manage to get on the board as Gary Wilkins kicked a 26-yard field goal with 7:11 left in the half.

Brantley began a drive of its own on its next series and moved to a first down at the Dozier 41, but went to the airways and was once again intercepted as Dozier turned back the challenge and added a late touchdown to go in at the half with a 9-0 lead!

The interception, Brantley's fifth turnover of the half, came at the Dozier 40 and was returned to the Bulldog 25-yard line, setting up a 20-yard touchdown pass from Gary Wilkins to Terry Daniels. The extra point attempt sailed wide; however, at intermission 2:29 later Dozier went in with a 9-0 advantage over the mistake-plagued 'Dogs.

The Brantley offense managed to hold on to the ball on its first two offensive series of the second half, but failed to mount any scoring threat and at the end of the third quarter still trailed 9-0. The Bulldogs did begin a drive early in the final stanza and pined to a first down at the 'Dog 28, but the abbreviated march came to a quick halt as on a third down play a Bulldog back lost the handle on the ball and Dozier's Reggie Grace scooped up the fumble and raced 38 yards for a Tiger touchdown! A two-point attempt failed, but with 6:46 left in the game Dozier owned a 15-0 lead over the

shell-shocked Bulldogs!

Brantley's offense finally got on track on the ensuing possession and managed to put some points on the board! A 22-yard pass from Chad Kilcrease to Giles Bryan was a key play in the drive, while the score came on a 10-yard pass from Kilcrease to Lebron Upshaw. A two-point attempt failed; however, with 4:26 left in the game Brantley had cut the Tiger lead to 15-6 and the 'Dogs had hopes of a miracle come-from-behind win!

The comeback hopes were brightened when David Burnett recovered a Tiger fumble at the Brantley 35, but the hopes were quickly dashed when the Bulldogs returned the favor with another fumble at the 'Dog 24-yard line.

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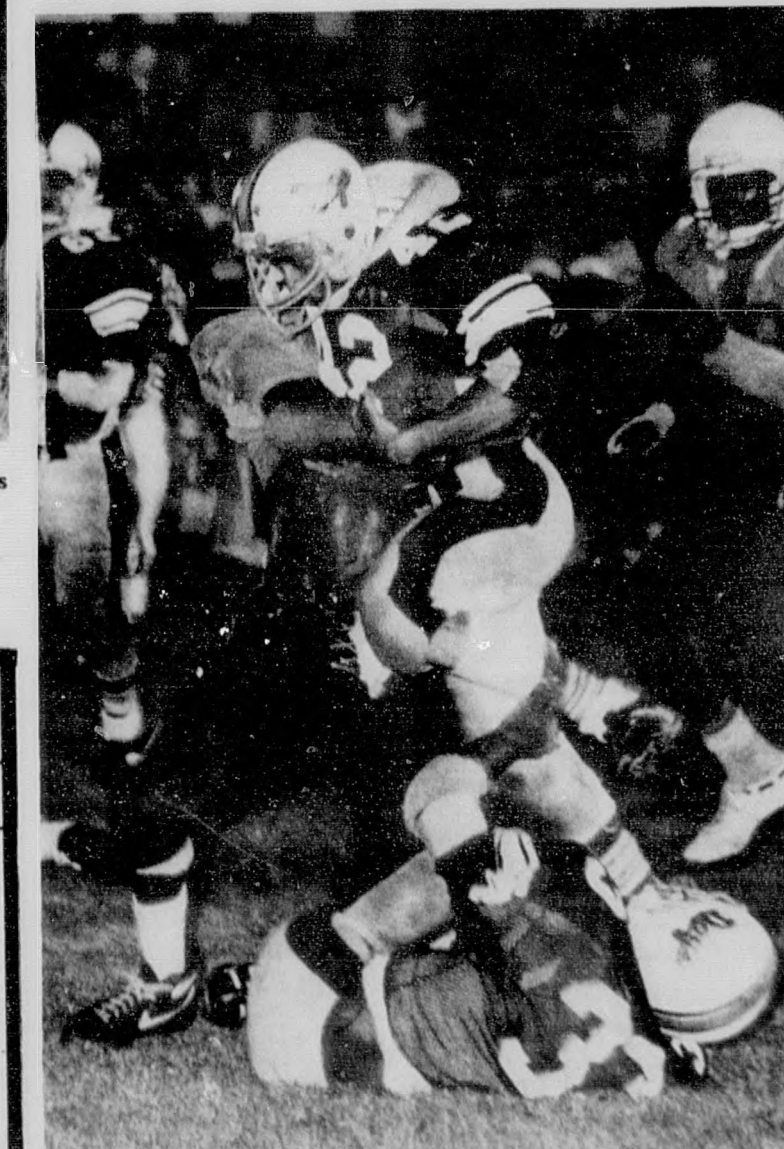
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Nursing Home Spotlight

With Shirley Wise

September 18 already! The month is almost two-thirds gone. Whew - time flies!

I looked up the month of September in my much-relied-upon encyclopedia, and for us September babies, here are a few interesting facts: As we know it now, September is the ninth month of the year; however, it was the seventh month in the old Roman calendar, and its name comes from the Latin "septem," meaning "seven." It became the ninth month when Julius Caesar changed the calendar to make the year begin on January 1 instead of March 1. September has always had 30 days.

September symbols: The morning glory is the flower for the month, and sapphire the gem.

So this third week in September, our nursing home spotlight shines on Mrs. Louvenia Pearl Gatlin Lunsford who is only 97 years old, but very soon to be 98, the Good Lord willing. I tell you - she is a most young-looking and -acting 97-year-old lady! Her physical body is delicately frail, but she has a good, strong voice; her hearing, I thought, is excellent for someone her age; her eyesight isn't what she would like it to be, but mentally she is quite alert and very talkative and vocal. She is a feisty, independent spirit with zest and energy and unquenchable courage and fortitude. She was in "fine form" at our visit and it really was a treat meeting her!

As she put it, "When I get better and get out of this place, I'm going back home and live with Joel," (her only child). And you know, I wouldn't be surprised at all if that came true for Miss Pearl!

She was born November 8, 1888, at the home on Brantley Highway, just four miles above Elba, one of nine children of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Gatlin, Mrs. Gatlin being the former Olivia Ophelia Walker. Mr. Gatlin was a farmer.

The eight brothers and sisters of Miss Pearl's, all of whom are deceased, were:

Ella, who lived on the Brantley Highway and was married to Lundy Davis;

Poca, who lived near Mt. Gilead Church and was married to Walter Harris;

Ruth, who lived on the Brantley Road and was married to Jim Sellers; Missouri, who lived in Elba on the Old River Road and was married to Monroe Wise;

Jerry, who lived on the Brantley Road and was married to the former Lila Deal;

Judge, who lived near Opp and was married to the former Alice Moore;

Red, who lived in Jack and was married to the former Decie Flowers; and

Johnny, who lived in Elba with his wife.

Loving names, we questioned Miss Pearl as to how her sister "Missouri" came by her name, and she replied, "I don't know. I guess Mama just liked the name."

Miss Pearl and her siblings received their education at the "Bowdoin and Lee schoolhouses," and when asked where they were located, she told us, "Across Pea Creek." Ring a bell with any of you oldsters, or bring back any fond memories? Those are two more names of long-ago and forgotten schools that we can add to our list.

It appears that, years ago, Coffee County had a fair number of schools, the reason being, I would surmise, transportation being so sketchy that it was almost imperative that each community have its own one- or two- or perhaps three-room schoolhouse.

On December 22, 1908, Miss Pearl wed Mr. Green Franklin Lunsford, who was called "Frank."

He was born July 23, 1883, in Dale County and was one of seven children born to Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley Lunsford. Mr. John Wesley was a farmer.

The brothers and sisters of Mr. Frank, all of whom are deceased, were:

Perse, who lived in Milton, Fla., and was married to a lady named Florence;

Hubert, who lived in Birmingham with his wife;

Ann, who lived in Elba with his wife, the former Estelle Meacham;

Mack, who lived in Opp with his wife, the former Annie Pearl Jones;

Ralph, who lived in Mississippi with his wife;

Eva, who lived in Panama City, Fla., with her husband Jim Carpenter; and

Amelia, who lived in Elba with her husband Jim Tolbert.

Mr. Frank was a farmer and worked with the late Mr. Sholl Morrow, making vaults. He passed away October 2, 1964.

Miss Pearl is the mother of three children, two of whom are deceased. Her surviving child is Joel, who is married to the former Velle Mauldin, a Pike County native. They reside on Rt. 3, Elba, and are the parents of one child, Mrs. Johnny Moore (Darlene). Mr. Joel was a farmer and a carpenter for seven - eight years, working in Opp, before his retirement several years ago.

Darlene and her husband Johnny reside on Rt. 3, Elba. She is employed with Conagra and Johnny with Moss Lawn Mower Shop in Enterprise. Johnny will be remembered as the son of Miss Mattie Maude Moore, that lovely and sweet lady we visited several months ago in the nursing home.

They have two sons: Dewayne, who is 15 years old and attends Elba High School; and Brian, 11, and a student at the Elba Middle School.

About Dewayne and Brian, their proud great grandmother said,



Mrs. Louvenia Pearl Gatlin Lunsford

"They are the smartest boys - always working and doing something."

Miss Pearl's other son was the late John Wesley Lunsford, who was married to the former Callie Mae Hixson, an Elba native. Miss Callie still lives in their home on Rt. 3, Elba.

Before his death from a heart attack at the age of 62, Mr. Wesley was employed with Dorsey Trailers. They were the parents of one child, a daughter, Sara.

Sara is a teacher, residing in Titusville, Fla. She and her husband Fred Little are the parents of two children, Russell ("Rusty") and Felicia ("Sissy"). Rusty has two children.

Miss Pearl's third child was a daughter named Louise, who never married. She passed away in 1962.

The grandchildren and great grandchildren affectionately call her "Granny" and Mr. Frank was lovingly called "Granddaddy."

Mr. Joel remembers his mother as being "strict with us children. But she loved us very much. I remember when they lived in Newton, they kept a milch cow as long as they legally could; you know - until it was banned." She had a pretty good temper, he said, when asked if Miss Pearl was easy-going or quick-tempered, and added laughingly, "She's still got it!"

Miss Velle remembers her mother-in-law thusly: "She was a good-hearted woman - a good person."

Miss Pearl, in the course of our conversation, looked up at me with faded and dimmed blue eyes, and said something so achingly sad: "I've seen lots of change; and nobody's done any harder work than I have! Did you know - I saved rail timber and split timber and built rail fences? I helped my daddy do that. They were working at a sawmill," she said, in answer to a question as to what her brothers were doing at the time.

Continuing, she said, "We worked all the time! Planted cotton, corn, peanuts, oats and cane."

When asked which she preferred - working outside or inside the home - she quickly told us: "I'd rather work out-of-doors any time!"

Her memories of Christmas? "We just got one apple and one orange apiece, and sometimes we got a stick of candy. And, one time I got a doll."

When asked what she and her brothers and sisters did for entertainment 80-odd years ago, she said, "We went to peanut shelling; mostly we stayed home. We used to go to dances, square dances."

When asked if she liked dancing, she laughed and enthusiastically replied, "I sure did! I danced two cotillions."

Not being real familiar with a "cotillion," we asked what it was, and she told us it was a dance where "you danced in long lines."

Asked if she liked the nursing home, she gave a firm, quick answer: "No, I sure don't!"

She came to the nursing home March 25, 1986, and her roommate is Mrs. Mamie Murdock, whom we met in our column last week.

We told her she was just a little over two years away from receiving a birthday card from the president on the occasion of her 100th birthday, and laughing, she told us a certain doctor had promised her a party when she reached her 100th birthday, "and by golly, he sure might have to come across!" Are you listening, Dr. Cooper?

We laughed and told her we were going to put that in the newspaper, and she laughed and said, "No, better not - wait 'til I have my birthday!"

Miss Pearl is a Methodist whose church membership is at Hamm United Methodist Church located on the Brantley Road.

She told us her favorite color is "red and white - I love red and white; I like all flowers - they're hard to beat! Fall - when it's just right and not too hot and not too cold; Christmas is my favorite time," and as for hobbies, "I liked to do it all - sewing, cooking, working with flowers, quilting. I've pieced many a quilt and I did love to do that!"

When we inquired about her favorite foods, she gave us a whole list of them! Let's see: turnips, callalard, eggs, potatoes, fried chicken, and fried whole egg between a biscuit - that's a good eating - dressing dumplings."

Teasing her, we remarked that she must like just about anything to eat and replied she, "I'm not fussy about my eating I'm not."

Miss Pearl's wish? Again, a poignant statement: "I don't know," pausing and adding, "Well, if it wouldn't be wrong, I'd wish for all my family to be back."

Her advice to the younger generation -- similar reminders given by our other residents, timeless, sound, good advice -- "Go to church, mind your parents, go to school and work hard."

Changes in this lady's life? "I don't know how I'd change it."

We left Miss Pearl eating her supper and fixing a little bit about it. Bless her heart, I guess she (and I too) would have preferred some good ole fresh turnips and/or collards, right Miss Pearl? Or an egg fried whole between a big ole homemade "cat's face" biscuit!

We really enjoyed our visit with this refreshing lady. Why don't you stop by for a few minutes' chat with this lively and entertaining lady?

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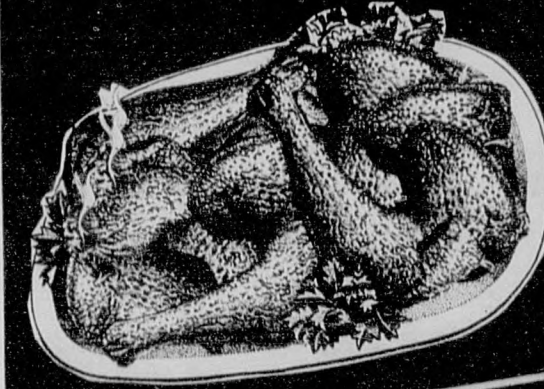
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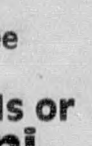
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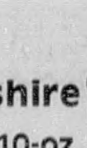
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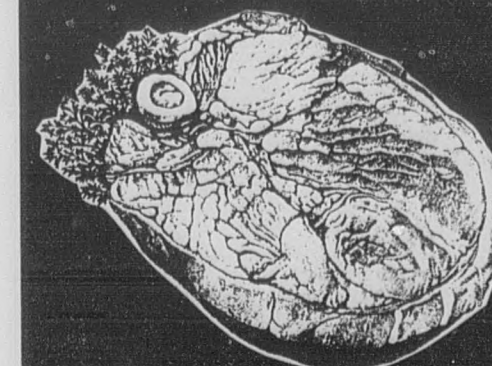
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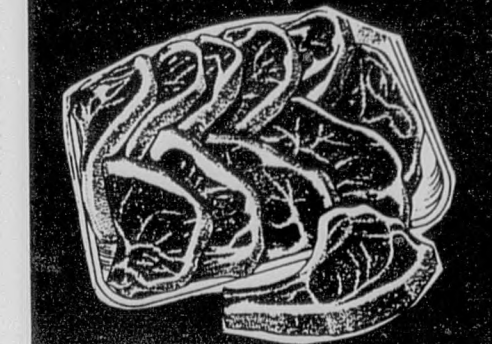
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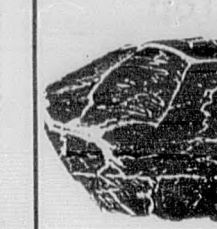
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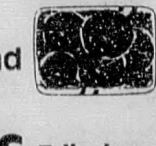
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Reg., Beef, Hot or Thick
**Sliced
Bologna**
12-oz. pkg.
\$1.28



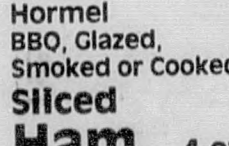
Oscar Mayer
Meat or Beef
**Sliced
Bologna**
8-oz. pkg.
\$1.19



Dandy Brand
**Beef
Patties**
5-lb. box
\$3.99



Hormel
BBQ, Glazed,
Smoked or Cooked
**Sliced
Ham**
4-oz. pkg.
\$1.29



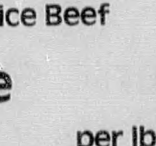
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Reg. or Beef
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Dogs**
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\$1.69



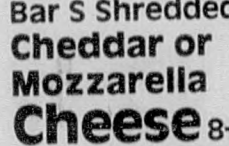
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Smoked
**Bacon
Ends**
3-lb. box
\$2.29



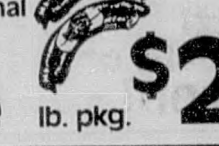
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Boneless
**Rib Eye
Steak**
per lb.
\$3.99



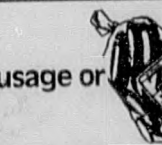
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**Cheddar or
Mozzarella
Cheese**
8-oz. pkg.
\$1.39



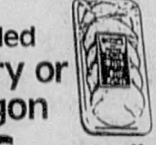
Bryan Traditional
Smoked &
Beef
Sausage
lb. pkg.
\$2.19



Zeigler's
Sugar Hill
Smoked Sausage or
**Red
Hots**
24-oz. bag
\$2.69



On-Cor Breaded
Chicken Fry or
Chuckwagon
Steaks
per lb.
\$1.59



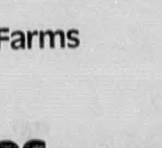
Super Tru
Sliced
**Beef
Liver**
per lb.
79¢



Bryan
**Cooked
Ham**
10-oz. pkg.
\$2.79



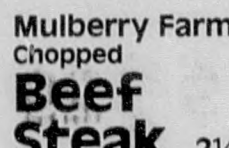
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Cubed
**Beef
Patties**
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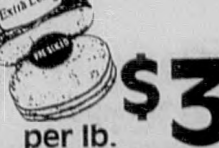
Louis Rich
Sliced
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Bologna**
lb. pkg.
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Mulberry Farms
Chopped
**Beef
Steak**
2 1/4-lb. box
\$4.39



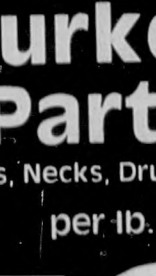
Bryan
Sliced
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Ham**
per lb.
\$3.79



Lykes
Thick, Meat or Beef
**Sliced
Bologna**
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\$1.69



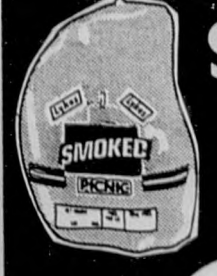
Plantation
**Turkey
Parts**
Wings, Necks, Drumsticks
per lb.
59¢



Boneless
Fillets
**Ocean
Perch**
per lb.
\$1.99



Lykes Whole
**Smoked
Picnics**
Water Added
per lb.
99¢



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jumbo
roll

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Ivory Liquid
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btl.

French, Italian
or Thousand Island
Kraft
**Salad
Dressing**
16-oz. btl.
\$1.49



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**Orange
Juice**
46-oz. can
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Juice**
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Oil**
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Purina
Beef Flavor
**Happy
Cat**
18-oz.
\$1.55



Black Flag
Regular
Flying Insect
Spray
12-oz.
\$2.68



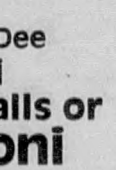
Auto or Perk
Decaffeinated
Folger's
Coffee
3-oz. vac. bag
\$3.79



Yellow Label
**Honey
Syrup**
40-oz.
\$2.19



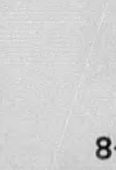
Chef Boy-Ar-Dee
**Spaghetti
w/Meatballs or
Beefaroni**
7-oz.
62¢



Assorted
**Hi-C
Drinks**
46-oz.
99¢



Old El Paso
Asst. Flavors
**Taco
Sauce**
8-oz.
99¢



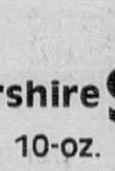
Duncan Hines
Asst.
Ready-To-Spread
Frosting
16 1/2-oz.
\$1.59



Instant
Folger's
Coffee
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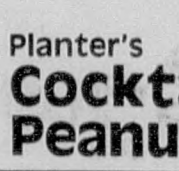
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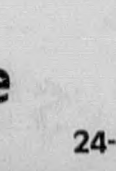
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**Apple
Sauce**
4 For
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\$1.49



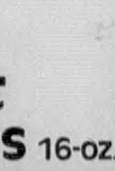
Planter's
**Cocktail
Peanuts**
24-oz.
\$3.29



Log Cabin
**Waffle
Syrup**
24-oz.
\$2.29



Borden
Country Store
Instant
Potatoes
16-oz.
\$1.29



Purina
Tuna/Liver/Chicken
Meow
Mix
7-lb.
\$5.39



Bull
**Hot
Sauce**
6-oz. 3 For
\$1



Hy-Top
**Tomato
Paste**
6-oz. cans
3 For
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Lucky Leaf
**Apple
Sauce**
25-oz. jar
79¢



3 Musketeers
Snickers
Milky Way
16-oz. fun size bag
\$2.29



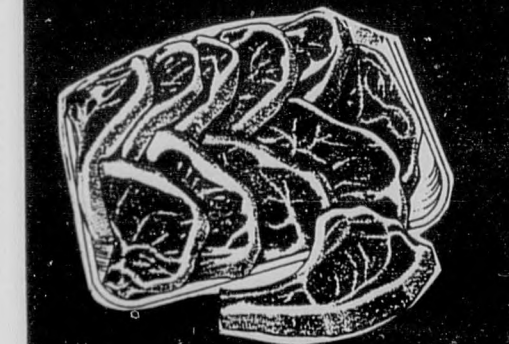
U.S.D.A. Choice Beef Bone-In
Round Steak
per lb.
\$1.49



Ground Fresh Daily Lean 3-lbs. or More Pkg.
Ground Chuck
per lb.
\$1.39



U.S.D.A. Inspected Quarter Loin Sliced Into
Pork Chops
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**Bryan
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12-oz. pkg.



\$1.38



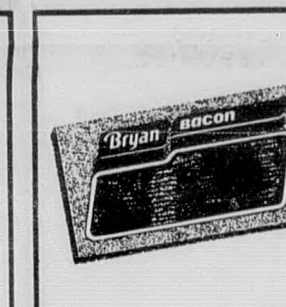
U.S.D.A. Choice Beef
Boneless
Sirloin Tip
Steaks
or Beef
Cube Steak
Family-Pak
per lb.
\$2.48



Sunnyland's
Bob White
Hot or Mild
Sausage
lb. roll
\$1.28



Bryan
Smoked
**Sliced
Bacon**
12-oz. pkg.
\$1.99



Bryan
Reg., Beef, Hot or Thick
**Sliced
Bologna**
12-oz. pkg.
\$1.28



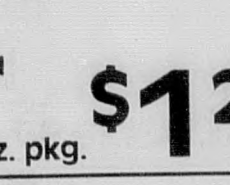
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Meat or Beef
**Sliced
Bologna**
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\$1.19



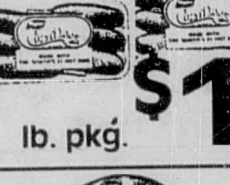
Dandy Brand
**Beef
Patties**
5-lb. box
\$3.99



Hormel
BBQ, Glazed,
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**Sliced
Ham**
4-oz. pkg.
\$1.29



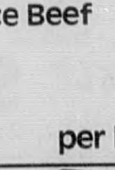
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Dogs**
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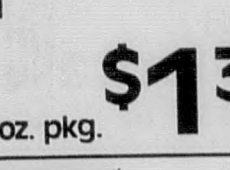
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Smoked
**Bacon
Ends**
3-lb. box
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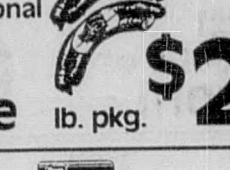
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Steak**
per lb.
\$3.99



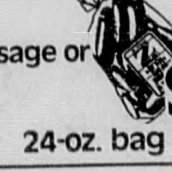
Bar S Shredded
Cheddar or
Mozzarella
Cheese
8-oz. pkg.
\$1.39



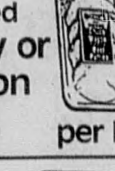
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Smoked &
Beef
Sausage
lb. pkg.
\$2.19



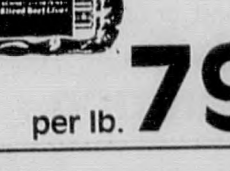
Zeigler's
Sugar Hill
Smoked Sausage or
**Red
Hots**
24-oz. bag
\$2.69



On-Cor Breaded
Chicken Fry or
Chuckwagon
Steaks
per lb.
\$1.59



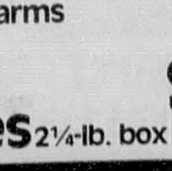
Super Tru
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**Beef
Liver**
per lb.
79¢



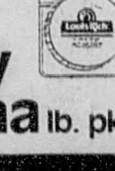
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**Cooked
Ham**
10-oz. pkg.
\$2.79



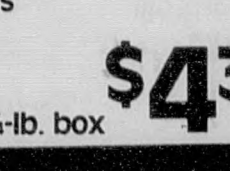
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Cubed
**Beef
Patties**
2 1/4-lb. box
\$3.49



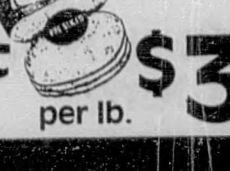
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Sliced
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Bologna**
lb. pkg.
\$1.49



Mulberry Farms
Chopped
**Beef
Steak**
2 1/4-lb. box
\$4.39



Bryan
Sliced
**Buffet
Ham**
per lb.
\$3.79



Lykes
Thick, Meat or Beef
**Sliced
Bologna**
1-lb. pkg.
\$1.69



Plantation
**Turkey
Parts**
Wings, Necks, Drumsticks
per lb.
59¢



Boneless
Fillet
**Ocean
Perch**
per lb.
\$1.99



Lykes Whole
**Smoked
Picnics**
Water Added
per lb.
99¢



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**Dentu-
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Ointment**
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Original, Greaseless,
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1 1/4-oz.
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6-oz.
**Cherry
Succrets
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Cheese**
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Entrees
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Mild Chunk
**Cheddar
Cheese**
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**Kraft
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Soft
Parkay**
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2 8-oz. **99¢**

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Perch
Fillets**
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Punch**
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Reg. or Dutch
**Apple
Pie**
26-oz. **\$1.99**

Taste 'O Sea
**Fish
Sticks**
16-oz. **\$1.99**

**Kraft
Velveeta
Cheese
Loaf**
2-lb. size
\$2.99

**Kraft
American Cheese Food
Sliced
Singles**
12-oz. pkg.
\$1.55

Assorted
**Morton
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\$4.99
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Pepperoni or Cheese Deli Pizza
2 For **\$4.99**

Petition calls for wet-dry election



ACCEPTS PETITION CALLING FOR ELECTION... Elba Mayor Bob English looks over a petition presented at the Monday meeting of the Elba City Council calling for an election to allow the citizens of Elba to vote on whether or not it should be legal to sell alcohol within the city limits. The city clerk will purge the list to insure all signatures are those of qualified city voters, and if the list is valid, the election could take place at the November general election. Presenting the petition was Charlie Zimmerman.

The Elba City Council met Monday at 5 p.m. All members were present and voting. The meeting was opened with a prayer by council member Jack Prescott.

Police Chief John White reported all was routine. They had one drunk at the ballgame Friday night, but since the county jail was full, they escorted him home. White and Mayor Bob English explained to the council that in the new city budget, they were eliminating the position of investigator. This position has been empty since the resignation of the last person to serve in that slot. Also White reported that Freddie Hanchey has returned to the force as a patrolman.

Bids were opened from private contractors on the pickup of garbage and trash within the city. There were three bidders submitting envelopes; however, one noted it wasn't practical for them to participate at this time and submitted a "No Bid." Two other firms did bid. They were Waste-Away and Scientific Industries. Waste-Away, with offices in Montgomery and Dothan, entered a bid price of \$137.40 for all residential and small commercial. This averaged out to a cost of \$6.88 per unit, per month. They also guaranteed they would charge no more than \$1.73 per cubic yard of the 20 large commercial customers in Elba. The one alternate in the bidding was with Elba furnishing a dry landfill within the city limits. This is for trash. Waste-Away could cut \$7.40 from their annual bid with this alternate.

Scientific Industries bid \$216,091.98 total for the residential and small commercial accounts, and a \$3.00 per cubic yard maximum for commercial accounts. Their alternate bid for the dry landfill being furnished by the City of Elba would save Elba \$4363.02.

Mayor Bob English recommended the council take the bids under advisement and study them until Thursday when they will convene in a special meeting to either select a contractor, reject all bids and readvertise or decide to continue doing the job with city employees as in the past.

Contracting out the project will eliminate the jobs of ten city employees. Both contractors have said they will use any who are needed and quality for employment with their firm. Indications are that all ten will not be needed by the private contractor, but no number has been announced.

A committee of Council members, Frances Williams, John W. Sharpless and Jack Prescott, will review the bids prior to the 4:30 Thursday meeting.

A stack of petitions calling for a vote on the wet-dry issue in Elba was presented to the city council by local citizen Charles Zimmerman. The lists contained 485 names, according to statements from Zimmerman to the city council. Mayor Bob English noted that there were 1062 voters who cast their vote in the last city election and the law requires 25 percent of that number must sign a petition to vote on the legal sales of liquor.

The citizens of Elba may vote on the matter following the passage of a law in the Alabama legislature allowing municipal option in counties with towns of more than 6,000 population.

If and when any town of more than 6,000 approve such sales, then cities with a population of more than 4,000 may also hold such a vote. Enterprise voted to legalize the sale of alcoholic beverages immediately following passage of that law. This allowed Elba citizens to do the same.

English explained that the city clerk must check and certify the names to insure there are 266 Elba voters on the list. This must be done within the next week, as the time is short for getting on the November 4 ballot. The law doesn't allow for a special election on this matter and it must be held with a general election. If approved, it will simply read: "Do you favor the legal sale and distribution of alcoholic beverages in this municipality?" Voters will either pull the yes lever or the no lever. Then if approved, the city council will set up guidelines to control the sale of the alcoholic beverages.

English reported the last sales tax check was for \$33,946. He also promised to submit a proposed budget to the council within the next few days, noting the time was drawing close to adopt the budget and a special meeting was possible to adopt this budget.

County forestry committee named tops in district 2

The Coffee County Forestry Planning Committee was named the most outstanding in district 2 at the Third Alabama Landowner and TREASURER Forest Conference in Montgomery on September 11.

The forestry planning committee in each county is made up of individuals with forestry interests, including governmental agencies, consulting foresters, forest industry, and landowners. These counties are nominated on a statewide basis, with the Alabama Forestry Planning Committee selecting the best of the county forestry planning committees in each of three districts across the state. The most outstanding of these district winners is selected state winner. Factors considered in the selection process included the committee's organization, cooperation in forest management demonstrations, TREASURE Forest and Tree Farm activities, support of youth forestry programs, and information and education activities.

The other district winners were the Autauga County Forestry Planning Committee in district 3, and the Walker County Forestry Planning Committee in district 1.

Commission cuts \$338,000 from county budget

The Coffee County Commission met in regular session on Monday, Sept. 22, at the courthouse in Elba and approved a balanced budget for the 1987 fiscal year that included cutbacks totaling almost \$350,000.

Commissioner Billy Eagerton reported that the commission had put in a lot of long hours working on the budget and had a lot of problems working out a budget that everyone in the county could live with and that the county could afford. Eagerton stated several items were cut from this year's budget, including commissioners' trips to state and national conventions, special appropriations to outside agencies and courthouse renovation. The budget also failed to include any pay raises for any county employees, an item all commissioners felt was needed, but could not be granted due to a serious cutback in state and federal funding.

"The overall budget totals \$338,663 less than last year," stated Eagerton, "and it is a balanced budget. We don't plan to borrow any money to supplement the budget and all department heads will have to work hard to make sure they stay within their budgets because there won't be any bailing them out."

Monday's meeting began at 9 a.m., with all commissioners present, and the initial order of business was to open a number of bids on various items.

Five insurance agencies entered proposals for the county's health insurance coverage, including Golden Rule HumanaCare Plus, Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Underwriters Services of Alabama and the Alabama Association of County Commissioners. The commission listened to two presentations before agreeing to table the awarding of the bid until Monday, Sept. 29, to allow all bidders an opportunity to present a verbal explanation of their policies.

Tractor Equipment Co. and Burford Equipment Co. were the two bidders on a landfill compactor to be used at the county landfill, and the contract went to Burford with a low bid of \$113,677.

Only two of the county's banks offered proposals for being named county depository of funds and after discussing each proposal the SouthTrust Bank of Coffee County was named depository of all county funds for the coming year.

While the commission agreed that all county funds would be placed at SouthTrust, a continuing problem of where the county revenue commissioner places the funds from his office was again hotly debated. Revenue Commissioner Ronnie Burns, although an elected official of the county, who handles county tax revenue, has refused in the past to use the bank designated as the county depository, and after being called Monday reportedly told the commission he would continue to place the funds from his office where he pleased and not comply with the wishes of the commission.

Burns received a controversial attorney general's opinion several years ago that stated he did not have to follow the wishes of the commission concerning the placement of funds from his office, and since he has reportedly banked with The Peoples Bank of Elba.

The commission was unanimous in its opinion that Burns should place all funds from his office in the county depository and stated it was costing the taxpayers of the county money for Burns to place funds in a bank that may not offer the advantages of the bank chosen by the commission.

The commission discussed the placement of county funds at length and decided to again seek Burns' cooperation in the matter.

In other action at Monday's meeting, the commission: ***authorized Commission Chairman Marion Brunson to sign all paperwork concerned with the extension of the water lines of the South Crenshaw County Water Authority; ***disqualified the bid of Mid-South Machinery on the compactor because the bid was received 25 minutes late; ***agreed to send out bids on a rotary boom cutter and on numerous items for the highway department; ***agreed to road work on a rural road near Ashbury and work at the New Hope Cemetery involving water problems; ***adopted a resolution exempting CONAGRA from county taxes for a period of 10 years on scheduled improvements costing \$1 million (providing tax savings of \$3,000 annually); ***was told that a hearing on the condemnation of the Boyd property would be held on Oct. 6; ***agreed to present a resolution to Sara Hutchinson upon her retirement after 30 years of service with the county extension office; ***heard that renovation work would be done on the circuit clerk's office within the month of October, using \$40,000 in state funds; ***was told that the elevator at the Elba courthouse would be operational this week; ***was told the county had been selected to be the pilot county in a planned statewide computer service.

Georgia man enters guilty plea

Adams and Timothy David Stubbs, age 17, of Manchester, Ga., were arrested in connection with the murder on August 2, 1985, and after their arrest the two confessed to killing Nelson and stated they had been hired to do the killing by Easton Darris Mullis, age 43, of Harris County, Ga., for \$10,000. According to testimony at a preliminary hearing on Sept. 20, 1985, Mullis' ex-wife, Virginia, had been living with Nelson at the time of the murder.

Dossey seeks new trial

A rural Crenshaw County man sentenced to 99 years in prison for murdering his wife returned to court on Monday, Sept. 22, in an attempt to prove that his wife's careless handling of a gun could have been the actual cause of death.

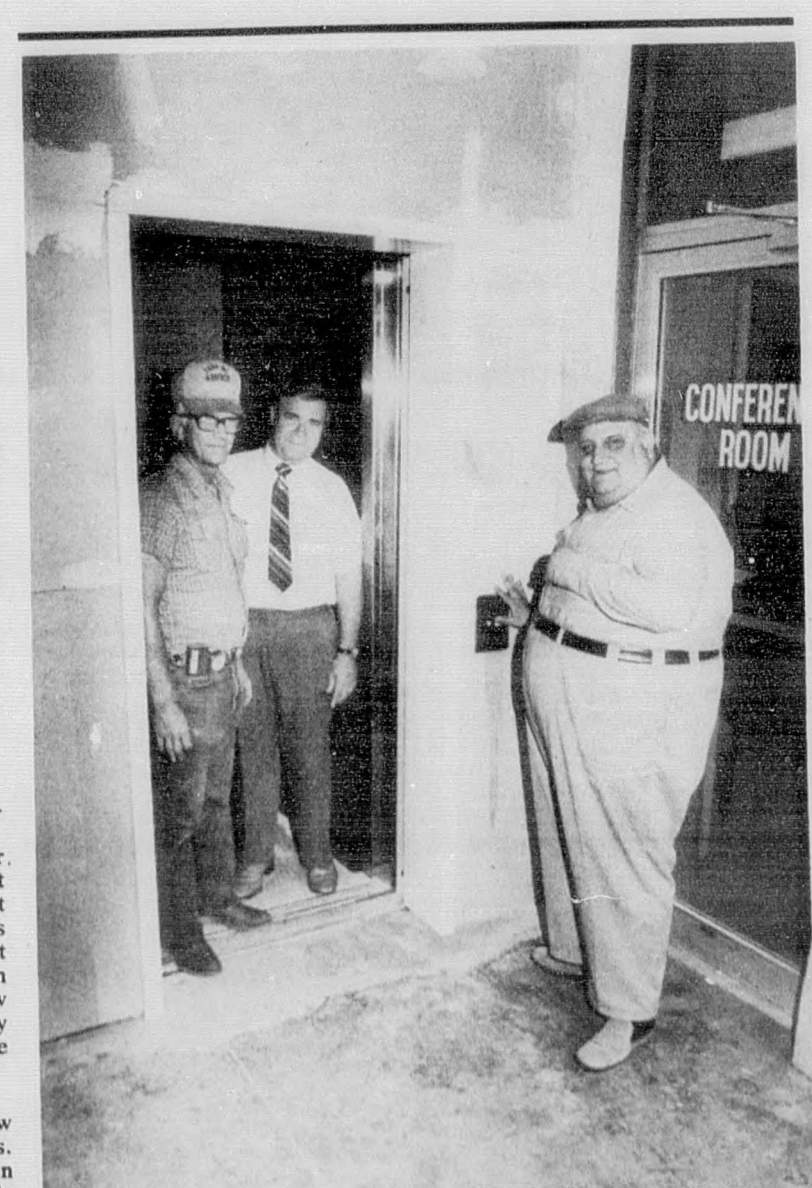
Roy Loid Dossey, age 35, a former helicopter pilot, was convicted in March, 1985, for the shooting death of his wife, Mary Dossey, during a hunting trip on Jan. 1, 1984, near the Dossey home in the Henderson Community.

Dossey filed a motion with Judge Arthur Gamble claiming that his attorney, Garth Lindsey, was ineffective in the original trial because he did not attempt to move the trial from Crenshaw County and did not use information about how Mrs. Dossey handled firearms. Dossey told the court that he had informed Lindsey of remarks made by neighbors concerning his wife's carelessness with guns, but stated that Lindsey indicated the information was not important.

Lindsey, who took the stand for almost an hour of testimony at Monday's hearing, told the court that the reports of Mrs. Dossey's carelessness with guns was just hearsay and defended his decision not to move the trial out of Crenshaw County because "if he had any friends it would be in Coffee County."

When asked by Dossey's new attorney, Mike Blalock, if Mrs. Dossey's death could have been accidentally, Lindsey reportedly answered loudly "There ain't no way."

Dossey remains a suspect in the drowning death of his 9-year old daughter, Mary Marcelle Dossey, who drowned in a neighbor's pool near the Dossey house two years prior to Mrs. Dossey's death.



READY FOR TRIAL RUN... Probate Judge Marion Brunson and county maintenance supervisor John Flowers step inside the new elevator at the Elba courthouse as Jimmy Foley prepares to push the button to see if the newly installed elevator is operational. The elevator is expected to be ready for the public this week and is located at the main entrance to the courthouse on the building's west side. Funds for the elevator were received from the state and the elevator was installed to provide access to the upstairs courtrooms for the elderly and handicapped.